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Praise for *Three Dreamers*

“As nourishing as a three-course Italian feast, this is a fierce, moving tribute to the ties that bind.”

—*People, Book of the Week*

“[A] moving tribute... With spare yet resounding prose, Carcaterra follows these women from his childhood home in Hell’s Kitchen to the Italian island of Ischia, to the battles each of them fought at the end of their lives. This emotional narrative isn’t for the fainthearted, but its beauty is a thing to behold.”

—*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

“Lorenzo Carcaterra looks back over his life and writes of the women that shaped his world view. From boyhood summers on Ischia, Lorenzo's Italian grandmother fed him stories and great meals, which built his imagination. His mother, Raffaella, through grief and hardship, sharpened the edges of his ambition, while his wife, Susan, an important journalist, served as the first reader of his bestselling books and a champion of his work. This deeply personal memoir weaves beauty, hilarity and loss into a glorious tapestry.” —**Adriana Trigiani**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Tony’s Wife*

“*Three Dreamers* is a stunning triptych—a plaiting together of the lives of three powerful women who, together, have shaped the life and outlook of one man. This beautiful memoir is Lorenzo Carcaterra’s tribute to the most important women in his life, and a paean to joy, sorrow, and love.”

—**Elissa Altman**, author of *Motherland*

“Elegantly and sensitively written, a book that forges strong connections across four generations.”

—*Kirkus*

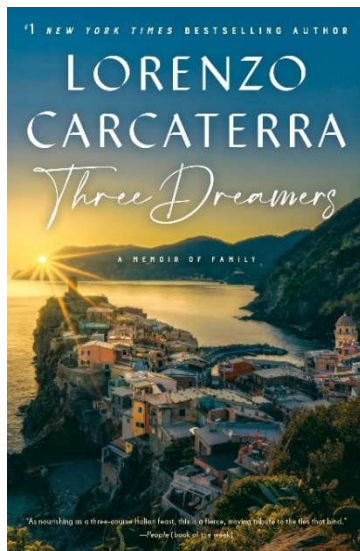
THREE DREAMERS

A Memoir of Family

by **Lorenzo Carcaterra**

Now in Paperback

The #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Sleepers* offers a beautiful, heartfelt homage to the women who taught him courage, kindness, and the power of storytelling: his mother, his grandmother, and his late wife.



At sixty-six, Lorenzo Carcaterra finds it easier to reflect on the past than ruminate on the future. “By the time you reach my age,” he writes, “you have witnessed too much loss to not be aware of what lies ahead.” Best known for his #1 *New York Times* bestseller *Sleepers*, Carcaterra has had a lengthy career as a writer. His two most recent novels *Tin Badges* and *Payback* centered on a retired NYPD detective who solves crime around the city with the help of his cyber genius nephew. In addition to writing for *National Geographic Traveler*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *Reader’s Digest*, among many other publications, he is also a former writer/producer for *Law & Order*.

With **THREE DREAMERS: *A Memoir of Family*** (A Ballantine Paperback, On Sale: April 26, 2022), Carcaterra shows a softer, more personal side to himself, aiming his natural storytelling prowess at his own life and the women who defined it.

His Italian grandmother, Nonna Maria, gave Lorenzo his first taste of a loving home during the summers he spent with her as a teenager on Ischia, an island off the coast of Naples. With her kindness, humor, and the same formidable strength she employed to make secret trips for food when the Nazis occupied Ischia during World War II, she instilled in him the importance of community, providing shelter for a boy whose home life was difficult.

His mother, Rafaella, dealt with daily hardships: a loveless and abusive marriage, the burden of debt, and a life of dread. Though the lessons she taught were harsh, they would drive Lorenzo from the world they shared to the better one she always prayed he would find.

And then there is his wife, Susan, a gifted editor and his professional champion. Their marriage lasted three decades before her death from lung cancer in 2013. While their upbringings were wildly different, their love and friendship never wavered—and neither did her faith in Lorenzo’s talent and potential as a writer.

Standing with his children near Nonna Maria’s grave on a recent trip to Ischia, Lorenzo realized how much of his life has been shaped by the women who taught him how to look for joy and overcome sorrow. **THREE DREAMERS** is his tribute to them. In the vein of books like Kelly Corrigan’s *Glitter and Glue* or George Hodgeman’s *Bettyville*, this memoir from Carcaterra is by turns funny, thoughtful, and poignant. While the stories are deeply personal, they’re also a celebration of the universal truths—about the importance of family, community, and love, and how each of us is shaped by the people in our lives.

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Lorenzo Carcaterra is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *A Safe Place*, *Sleepers*, *Apaches*, *Gangster*, *Street Boys*, *Paradise City*, *Chasers*, *Midnight Angels*, *The Wolf*, *Tin Badges*, *Payback*, and *Three Dreamers*. He is a former writer/producer for *Law & Order* and has written for *National Geographic Traveler*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *Details*, and *Maxim*. He lives in New York City.

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